

Henry Goverts

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Dear Mister Allan Dulles,

As a friend of Dr. Gisevius, whose two books I will publish in Germany and together with whom I granted the german publication outside of Germany and the management of the rights to the publishing house of Fretz & Wasmuth in Zuerich, I take the liberty to send you a few lines.

The swiss publication of the first volume was a great success. With the exception of three newspapers the entire press of all political tendencies declared the book to be the documentary standard-work of the past german epoch. Alone in Switzerland 15'000 copies were sold in two months, and the great success of Dr. Gisevius in Nuernberg once more increased the demand for the book.

After a talk with Mrs. Mary Bancroft on the subject I am of the opinion that one should profit of the popularity Dr. Gisevius has won in Nuernberg and publish as soon as possible, may be ~~with~~ some abbreviations, the first volume of his work in U.S.A. The numerous small episodes illustrate excellently the mentality of the III. Reich and give it so much colour that I am perfectly sure of the success, if the book could be brought out with Doubleday or Macmillan or another leading publishing house. I would regard it as a mistake to put the part on the 20th of July without connexion into this volume as the proceedings are only clear and to be understood after the description of the Munich Agreement, the outbreak of war, the exceptionally unrestrained warmethod of Hitler's.

In this opinion I was confirmed by an old political friend of mine, Dr. Ranshofen-Wertheimer, who is professor at the American University in Washington and is just now in Geneva on a official mission of the UNO. He, too, was for a publication in one of the leading American publishing-houses as soon as possible, without losing time by working the book over again.

Hoping that you and your esteemed family are well I remain with kind regards

yours very sincerely

